

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably devoted tremendous amounts of time and energy to ensuring that higher education meets the public's mandate for efficiency and effectiveness; and

Whereas, Ronald J. Turner has served the University of Missouri as Director of University Outreach and Extension for the past ten years, a position of utmost responsibility from which he will step down on December 31, 2003, in order to shift the focus of his work to other University venues; and

Whereas, Director Ronald Turner has enjoyed notable leadership successes during the past decade, including the establishment of the TeleCenter Network which offers ten telecommunication sites for credit and noncredit education; the development of an information technology infrastructure which brought Internet, e-mail, and computing access to Extension specialists and staff across the state; strengthened ties for urban and rural programming with Lincoln University and the University of Missouri campuses in Kansas City, St. Louis, Rolla, and Columbia; international partnerships in South Africa, Ireland, Costa Rica, and Thailand; and establishment of the Alianzas partnership to support education for Missouri's growing Hispanic population; and

Whereas, in addition to encouraging the development of County Extension Councils through the Missouri Extension County Council Leadership Council, Director Ronald Turner has supported professional development opportunities for University faculty and staff through the Missouri Extension Leadership Development Program, the National Extension Leadership Development Program, Cohort Orientation, and Annual Conferences; and

Whereas, Director Ronald Turner is universally hailed as a model of professionalism and open communication who has worked on behalf of University Outreach and Extension with the University Board of Curators, the State General Assembly, the Governor's office, and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar professional accomplishments garnered by Ronald Turner during his ten-year-long tenure as Director of University Outreach and Extension and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt appreciation of his leadership endeavors and our best wishes for future educational success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the ongoing service of Ronald J. Turner to the University of Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4771, adopted December 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker